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Students, Mechelle and Victor, enjoying the surprising snow. --Photo taken by Mr. Cohen

It's Raining, It's Snowing! In Simi?

Students were surprised when snow and ice came down in Simi Valley. The last time Simi residents can remember snow here was in 1988. Jermaine Woods says, "The snow was pretty cool and unusual." Since that one strange day, we haven't seen snow since, but a lot of rain.

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Not Enough \$\$ to go to COLLEGE?

Scholarship

By Carolina Delgado
Staff Writer

Information

Many scholarships are available at Santa Susana High School. When a scholarship is first submitted to Santa Susana, the bulletin will indicate what grade level it is for, its deadline, and list the cost and criteria. The scholarships are advertised on the morning announcements during black schedules, posted in the CCC showcase window across for attendance, and in the Troubadour Express. Also, it is encouraged that students research from other sources such as the Internet.

Throughout the school year certain scholarships come in just for Santa Susana, the PTSA, Kiwanis, Comcast and Roadery, just to name

a few. Some of the yearly scholarships that are available come from the Ventura County Community Foundation. These thirty scholarships are made specifically for Ventura County residents. Certain characteristics, such as ethnic background, gender, specific career goal and extra-curricular activities determine eligibility for scholarships. Ninety percent of all scholarships require community service of some kind. For any additional information needed visit the Counseling Career Center (CCC) where you can speak to Mrs. Killingworth.

Campus Increases the Number of Computer Stations on Campus

By Keven Halloran
Staff Writer

The new computer lab in room 904 makes a great addition to the technology side of our school. Each of the 18 new computers has a 9 gig hard drive with 700 mhz

and 64mb of ram. These computers are better than what most have at home.... well at least mine.

Students are no longer held back by the out of date PCs which are no match for our new ones. The lab will be accessible to all students with AUP stickers. Teachers will also have the chance to use the lab or bring their class during school time for some computer-based curriculum. This is a big step for SSHS into the 21st century.

Ed McMahon is searching for tomorrow's stars and he's looking for new contestants. You can either throw your hat in the ring or vote for your favorite hopeful.

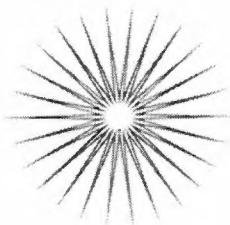
<http://www.nextbigstar.com>

By Ivan Lauer
Staff Writer

Santa Susana is a technology school and thus must have excellent technology to make the most of our resources. In a recent interview with Mr. Vale, we asked him how many computers he

thought we had at this school.

"Probably about 250," he said, "all of them are Pentiums, at least 133 MHz, at most 3700." He also told us that Santa Susana was getting around 90 new computers in the 903/904 labs and 36 more in room 203 this Summer.



Microsoft X-Box

By Nick Bonelli
Staff Writer

Microsoft's X-Box was on display for the first time last month at the Consumer Electronics show in Las Vegas. With Sega recently calling it quits and Sony raising the bar with its release of the Playstation 2, Microsoft thought it would be a perfect time to debut the X-Box. The X-Box is said to have learned from prior gaming systems mistakes. The X-Box will definately give the Playstation 2 a run for its money.

One of the great features of the Playstation 2 is it not only plays games, but plays DVD movie discs. the X-Box one ups the Playstation 2 by not only playing games and DVDs but by also offering Internet access at broadband speeds, and as if that wasn't enough the X-box also comes with a 733 magahertz processor, a custom graphics chip and a very convenient four controller port.

Convenience seemed like a major focus when designing the X-Box. Not only did Microsft install the first ever four controller gaming system, but they also offered larger controllers than most systems designed to be heavy, sturdy and spacious, sized for big time game play. Not to mention they're connected to the system by huge ten foot long

cords witch are designed to let the consumer sit on the sofa or even grab a snack.

The only downfall of the Microsoft X-Box is there are currently only two games available for the system, Oddworld and Munch's Odyseeey. But the good news is that chairman of the X-Box design committee, Jay Allerd said, "The focus of the X-Box will be 100% games, games that focus on creatity rather than technology." It sounds like the X-Box will definitely raise the bar on it's counterparts Sony Playstation 2 and Nintendos sooned to be released Game Cube.

The question on everyone's mind is how much will it cost? Well that's yet to be determined by the powers that be at Microsoft. However, whatever the price you can be sure that every true gamer is still going to get theres. Look for the X-Box to be on display at a local electronic stores this Fall.



Steve Jobs was born February 24, 1955.
He was the creator of the Apple Computer.

Happy Geisha, Unhappy Ivan

On Campus Bands

By: Elan Menkin

Staff Writer

From the depths of the Simi Valley underground music scene, comes forth a band many people tend to question. Their name? Happy Geisha. The man? Ivan Lauer. Who is he? Patience is the key.

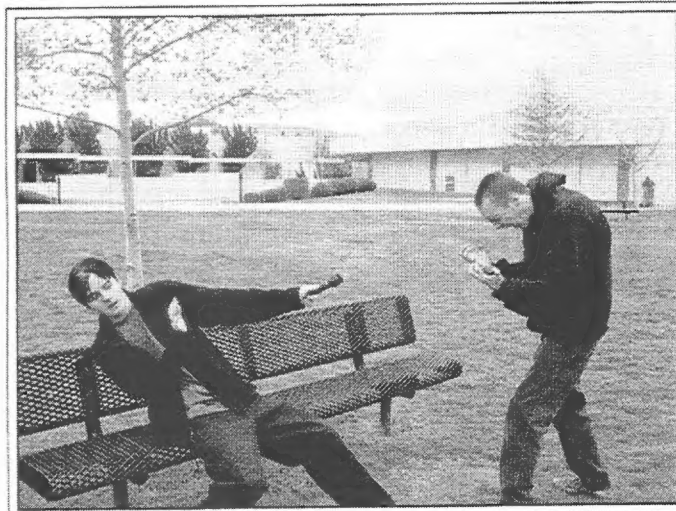
As I sat down with Mr. Lauer, I noticed an unsettling twitch in his left eye. At first I figured it was just a small fly buzzing around his face. Curious, I took a quick glance and discovered the shocking truth. No fly, 100% twitch. His faulty eye wasn't the only thing keeping my distance, but

his unusual posture as well. He slowly raised his head from its bowed position, fully opened his eyes, and projected his deep trance-like stare into my eyes. In fear of death, I quickly began my subtle questioning.

"If someone were to point a gun directly at your sinister head, demanding you to categorize your band's music, what would your response be?"

"Well!" Mr. Lauer yelled, "I would say jazz-core!"

His loud and poignant voice took me by



Elan Menkin and Ivan Lauer are the founders of Happy Geisha

surprise. "Interesting," I thought to myself. "But what would come of the next question?"

"What do you think of the music being played on the radio these days?"

"Everyone should listen to the radio because it's brilliant!"

By his words and tone of voice, I knew this was a man gone mad. As the questioning moved on, Mr. Lauer's temper had increased. Gradually, I gained spine-chilling knowledge from him. His favorite dessert is ice cream. If Mr. Lauer doesn't become famous within the next few years, his entire life's work will be in vain. His real identity is Tadaki Eye. Happy Geisha, the name of

Lauer's band, comes from Japan. "In feudal Japan, most geishas were happy," explains Lauer, while catching his breath from the sporadic yelling occurrences. "We wanted to encompass that into our band."

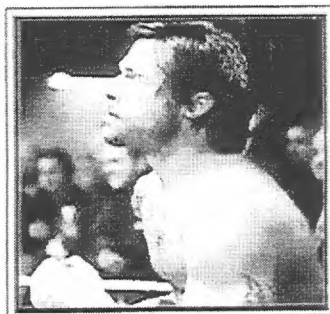
Happy Geisha's first album entitled "48 Ways To Love You," will be out soon, so make sure you give it a listen. Their unique sound, triggered by fast-paced hardcore lyrics is surely worth a few minutes of your geishian lives. Definitely look out for #1. Because, as Mr. Lauer says; "If you don't look out for yourself, who else are you going to look out for?"

Snatch

Movie Review

By: Sam Taylor
Staff Writer

Even though you can't understand half of what Brad Pitt says or know any of the English actors in the movie, you'll love "Snatch". The whole movie is non-stop comedy. The way that the multitudes of characters are developed and interact with each other is fantastic. There are fifteen main characters and at the beginning none of them know one another, but by the end each



Brad Pitt in Snatch.

character has interacted with all of the others. I have to give credit to the director, Guy Ritchie, for making the movie and characters come alive with comedy and action. If you want to see a movie and you don't know what you should go see, go see "Snatch"!! Rating -5 of 5

Spring Fever Epidemic and No Vaccine

Cute Couples

Mini Darma and Greg's at Santa Susana
By Amber Franklin and Ben Flores
Staff Writers

What is a high school without a special someone to have and to hold? Relationships are a wonderful thing. It's nice to have someone you really care about, helping you get through your rough times. Everywhere you look there are cute couples. There is no escaping it and here at Santa Su there are many. Elyse Hoffing and David Reading are one such couples. They have been going out now for two years. The first time they knew that they were

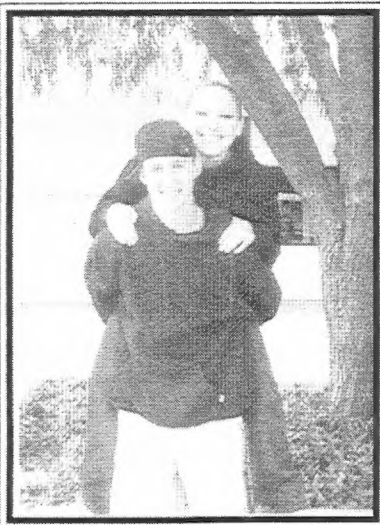
meant to be was at the Winter Formal of their sophomore year. They have had their fair share of fights but they can act normally around each other. That's what builds a relationship. Another long time couple is Justin Kelley and Tiffany Johansen. They have been going out for about a year. They are a very shy and quiet couple, but very cute. You can always see them together during school and at lunch.

Last but not least are Ben Flores and his girlfriend Jessica Solis. They are one of the newer couples, but they seem like they have been going out for a lot longer. Their love is very strong for one another. They have been going out for almost five months now. Their first date was at the Simi Valley Days carnival and things went from there. All these couples have the making of long lasting relationships.

Celebrity Poll

By Jessica Olivas
Staff Writer

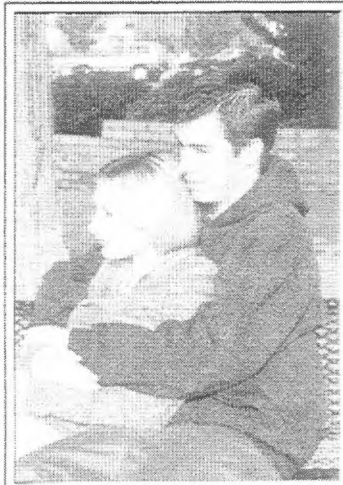
Coolest Actor: Jim Carrey
Awesome Actress: Angelina Jolie
Best Movie: "What Lies Beneath"
Worst Movie: "Spice World"
Least Talented Actor: Leonardo DiCaprio
Least Talented Actress: Jennifer Lopez
Favorite Music Group: Limp Bizkit
Best Male Singer: Ricky Martin
Best Female Singer: Sarah McLaughlan
Celebrity Who Should Be President: Brad Pitt



Elyse Hoffman and David Reading smooching up a storm.



Tiffany JoHansen and Justin Kelley cuddling under a tree.



CELEBRITY B-DAYS

For MARCH

Ron Howard	1-1954
Jon Bon Jovi	2-1962
Dr. Seuss	2-1904
Jean Harlow	3-1911
Shaquille O'Neal	6-1972
Freddie Prinze, Jr.	8-1976
Albert Einstein	14-1879
Fabio	15-1961
Nat "King" Cole	17-1919
Billy Corgan	17-1967
Wyatt Earp	19-1848
Fred "Mr." Rogers	20-1928
Johann Sebastian Bach	21-1685
William Shatner	22-1931
Steven Tyler	26-1948
Vincent Van Gogh	30-1853
Al Gore	31-1948

Jones Soda

You are heading for a land of sunshine and fun!

by: Juliana Caiazzo and Heather McGowan
Staff Writers

Jones Soda. The best thing to come out of Canada since "The Kids In The Hall." Each bottle has a fortune under the cap and a pretty picture on the label. Jones comes in 15 scrumdiddlyumptious savory flavors. Heather McGowan, Juliana Caiazzo, Ivan Lauer, Deanna Plummer and Rachel Capurso sample the most popular flavors, just for you!

Blue Bubblegum Soda: Winner of the coolest color award! Tastes like a blue sno-cone.

BUGjuice.com: This is what Squirt aspires to be. A sparkly citrus ginger combustion on your tongue.

Cherry Soda: Like drinking the juice from a jar of Maraschino cherries. Gets really icky, really fast.

Cream Soda: Clear and carbonated, but if you close your eyes, you'll swear you're drinking heavy cream. Tasty if you're into that kind of stuff.

Crushed Melon: So melony it reminds you of John Cougar MELONcamp.

FuFu Berry Soda:

Transports you to a field of fufu berry bushes. What's a fufu berry, you ask? Find out for yourself!

Grape Soda: Smells like Bubbleyum, tastes like Dimetapp.

Green Apple Soda: Tastes just like Jolly Ranchers. A big neon glow-in-the-dark rave in your mouth. Tied with FuFu Berry for the best flavor in all the land.

Happy: The thinking man's Mountain
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Personal Ads

Hey Brit, have fun on tour. And Forever 143 637 F2F2 BFF -J Lo

Hey J Lo! I can't wait for tonight cuz love don't cost a thing, ooh if i had your love! -Brit

Instrumental Music, you guys are incredible! -Mr. Carlson

Join Speech & Debate. Room 310 at lunch.

To a girl out there who likes to steal other girls' boyfriends, what goes around comes around. -Melissa Rodriguez

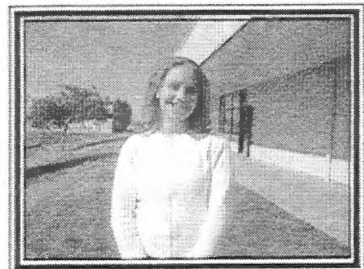
The Gender Gap

Pros and Cons of the Opposite Sex

By: Gina Del Santo and Rebecca Redlin
Staff Writers

To find the pros and cons of the opposite sex, we polled 50 male students and 50 female students.

The thing girls like most about guys are the Frat parties. Guys also have much cooler



Guys are cute and cuddly but... they are very indecisive.

toys then girls do; they always seem to have something they're playing with. Why don't girls get cool toys to play with? Some boys are really good listeners. You can tell them anything, and unlike most girls they don't go and tell the whole world. Last, but not least, boys usually smell good. Most guys did actually agree with what the girls said, except for the part of being good listeners, saying that they just kind of space out and say "uhuh" over and over.

Guys had these things

to say about girls: they are open and will say everything to you, if they trust you, they'll tell you, simple as that. Girls give good advice to guys about other girls (most of the time). They have good ideas. They dress really nicely, especially those tight shirts, and short skirts. One student said, "Girls are like a freshly tossed salad. First you look at it, and it's just another plain old salad, but then you add all the croutons and dressing and then they become a

"Girls are good listeners, but... they take things to



personally."

super crazy salad!" Isn't that a mouth full?

Most girls don't mean to blab everything, its just that some talk so much that everything that has been told to them just comes out.

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Words of Love

Everyone knows what it is, the day that comes once a year. Valentine's Day, the day to show that special someone how you feel. 24 hours of flowers and candy, but true love lasts forever.

* * * * C u p i d * * * * The Most Famous of Valentine Symbols

Cupid The Most Famous of Valentine Symbols

[online] Available: <http://www.holidays.net/amore/cupid.html>

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Cupid has always played a role in the celebrations of love and lovers. He is known as a mischievous, winged child, whose arrows would pierce the hearts of his victims causing them to fall deeply in love.

In ancient Greece he was known as Eros the young son of Aphrodite, the goddess of

love and beauty. To the Roman's he was Cupid, and his mother Venus

One legend tells the story of Cupid and the mortal maiden, Psyche. Venus was jealous of the beauty of Psyche, and ordered Cupid to punish the mortal. But instead, Cupid fell deeply in love with her. He took her as his wife, but as a mortal she was forbidden to look at him. Psyche was happy until her sisters convinced her to look at Cupid. Cupid punished her by departing. Their lovely castle and gardens vanished with him and Psyche found herself alone in an open field.

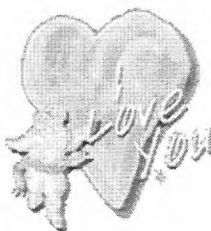
6 As she wandered to

find her love, she came upon the temple of Venus. Wishing to destroy her, the goddess of love gave Psyche a series of tasks, each harder and dangerous than the last. For her last task Psyche was given a little box and told to

take it to the underworld. She was told to get some of the beauty of Proserpine, the wife of Pluto, and put it in the box. During

her trip she was given tips on avoiding the dangers of the realm of the dead. And also warned not to open the box. Temptation would overcome Psyche and she opened the box. But instead of finding beauty, she found deadly slumber

Cupid found her lifeless on the ground. He gathered the sleep from her body and put it back in the box. Cupid forgave her, as did Venus. The gods, moved by Psyche's love for Cupid made her a goddess.



Sexy Santa Susana Students Speak Out!

By: Juliana Caiazzo and Heather McGowan
Staff Writers

SEX. It's a part of our everyday lives, whether we like it or not. Some are afraid to talk about it, but The Parvenu laughs at controversy! Thus, the results of the first ever Santa Susana Intimacy Poll.

Students are engaging in complex relationships. According to you, the most common form of birth control is a combination of oral contraceptives and latex condoms. I found a disturbingly high number of respondents claiming to use no protection at all. The average age for boys and girls to become sexually active at Santa Susana is approximately fifteen years old. Active teens say they are active because "I'd go crazy without it!" and "I love my partner and sex is something we can share."

However, many students choose abstinence. Citing reasons, such as, "I Can't get none" to "Not ready to make the sacred commitment."

Teens aren't always the hormone-crazed maniacs they're sometimes portrayed to be. The vast majority of those polled claimed to follow responsible actions. Pregnancy, Sexually Transmitted Infections, AIDS, and emotional maturity were all mentioned as issues that had to be dealt with.

Sonnet 43

By Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's

Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.

I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;

I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.

I love with a passion put to use

In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints, — I love thee with
e breath,

Smiles, tears, of all my life! — and, if God

choose,

I shall but love thee better after death.

Class of 2001- Second Semester Seniors

By: Varun Chandrasekaran
Staff Writer

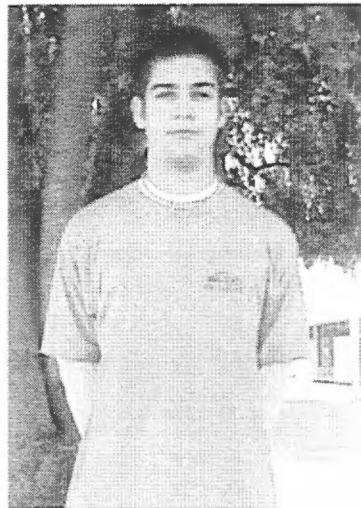
With only one semester of high school left, seniors have begun to form concrete plans on what they want to do. The many choices available to students can be overwhelming, but it seems that

most seniors have an idea of where to go after

leaving the halls of Santa Susana High Schools. Since many already have jobs, continuing education would seem the wise choice to make. Not surprisingly, most seniors plan to attend Moorpark College, while some hope to enter a four-year institution directly. John Lam, of the class 2001, plans to go to Arizona State University and Chirag Shah hopes to study at Stanford University or University of California, Berkeley. "My first is UC Santa Barbara," said senior Morgan Gould. Many seniors also plan to attend the local California State University at Northridge. This list includes Taha Kazmi and NG Phan. The prospect of military service has caught the attention of several students as well. Keven Halloran has decided to

enter the military and train as a mental health specialist. Seniors Ryan Abbot and Jessica Gorospe have decided to enter the Navy.

With such a diverse student body, the possibilities for the class of 2001 are limitless. Whether these students are working or studying, several paths lay open and many dreams are waiting to be fulfilled. Only time will tell what this third class of Santa Susana High School will accomplish.



**"I want to be the lead singer of the 'Greatest American Rock Band' and then come back to play the Prom."-
Mark Sylvas**

Several paths lay open and many dreams are waiting to be fulfilled.

Fashion 911

By: Paris Bernhardt
Staff Writer

Don't you hate it when you walk down the halls at school and you see someone completely out of fashion? I do too. That's why I am here to inform you of the latest, hippest trends, sure to help turn your crush's head.

First of all, horizontal stripes are a big no-no. They make you look extremely wide. If you want to slim your appearance, then you have to buy vertical striped clothes.

I know some of you like to wear crew neck shirts but right now tanks and tube tops are totally hot. They draw attention to your shoulders and some even have built in bras.

Girls, don't you hate when you are wearing a totally cute outfit and you have to wear a strapless bra, and in the middle of your hot date, it falls down leaving you completely exposed? That's why you have to pick up a bustier. Not only does it help support you, it won't fall

down. Now you won't have to worry about those embarrassing moments.

Don't you gals just adore the denim look? They go with almost every out-fit; they're too cute to pass up. You can dress then up or down, either way your sportin' a hot new trend.



Shawna Wright has got style.

Now, let's walk a mile in your shoes: Do you have a different pair for each outfit? Well now, Vans makes a new "Compel Tones" shoes. They change colors in the daylight. They make three hot colors: pink, blue, and

yellow. What's up with the modern fashion technology? Did aliens invent these shoes or something? The crowd is fighting it up, move with the flow of traffic and you'll never be left behind. These crazy shoe styles are spicing up the market. The wedge of the shoe comes in the strangest yet unique shapes and styles: cork platforms to hard heels. There's a pair for every color of the rainbow.

Teens giving up social life for hard work

Teen Jobs

By Amber Franklin
Staff Writer

"Welcome! How may I help you?" There are many students here at Santa Susana that are either working after school or on the weekends. Some are employees at grocery stores, fast food restaurants or movie theaters. Most of the students that have jobs are juniors and seniors. For instance, senior TJ Burns



says that it feels like he's been working at his job forever. He works at Taco Bell with his friend and senior, Travis Olgin. "Don't eat the Santa Fe", warns Travis. Other students that have jobs are Ryan Clark and Jimmy McFee, who work at Hollywood Video.

Blink 182

• Show
• By Ben Flores
• Staff Writer

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Money!

Where did the \$10,000 dollars that we won from the KROQ/Blink 182 concert go?

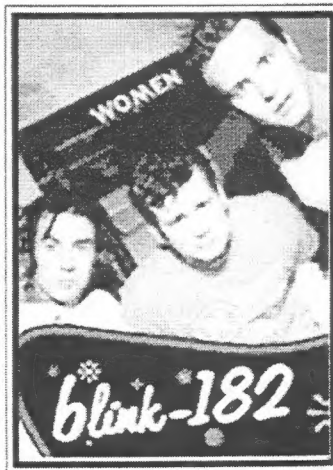
It's not only the schools money, the students it's also.

According to the principal, we still have all the money. If it were left up to the students, you would hear a variety of answers. One student said it would be nice to have mirrors in the restrooms, toilet seat covers, and warm water. Another said that they wanted to build a new black box theater for all drama students. We asked

a P.E. class what they would like to spend the money on.

They would like some new equipment to use, such as balls, weights, and rackets. Yet the staff would not like to spend the money on something consumable. We don't want to get mirrors because the risk of vandalism. Mrs. Hauser said if we can stop the vandalism in the restrooms, she said she would purchase them herself. What do you think the money should go towards? Remember, it's

not only the schools money, it's the students also. We're the ones that worked to get Blink 182 to perform for our school. If you have a good idea for the money talk to Mrs. Hauser.



Chris Inman works at Carl's Jr., Suzie Schulz and Alison Brown work at The Hidden Cottage and Steve Fowler works at Brunswick Valley Bowl. Having a job can be very tiring and complicated. Sometimes it can take away from schoolwork and your social life, but that's what happens when you get a job. Plan wisely and decide what's important. If you want a job, you can look in the newspaper or go to the CCC. Work is hard, but it prepares you for your future.



Rollie Backpacks! Love 'em or Hate 'em, They are Here to Stay

By Juliana Caiazzo and Michelle Adams
Staff Writers



beloved Santa Susana when some pokey mama jama comes along and stops dead in front of me. I can't get around them, because they seem to draaaaaaaaaaaaaag their dang rollie backpack as far as they possibly can. Drives me crazy. What's worse, rollie aficionados seem to congregate in groups.

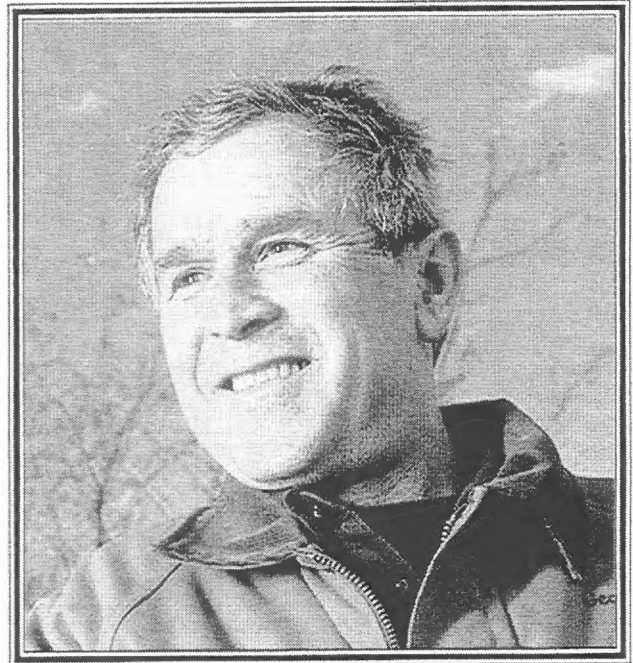
PRO: Rollie backpacks are good for carrying your books. They make things easier on your back by taking pressure off of it, and are easier to handle than regular backpacks. Instead of having your backpack weighing you down while you walk, with a rollie all you have to do is grab the handle and pull. It saves time when you're walking down hallways.

AGAINST:

So here I am, walking down the halls of our

There's nothing more annoying than walking down a lonely hall and being swooped on by a gang of rollie backpack ninjas who seem hellbent on preventing your maneuvering around them. These backpacks are a nuisance, and should be banned. If more of the available 4.0 lockers were made available, the size of textbooks were reduced, or passing periods were extended perhaps the reign of rollies could finally end.

George W. Bush : The President of the United States.



<http://www.time.com/time/poy2000/>

F O X . C O M



FOX has ordered a second season of "Temptation Island," it was announced by Gail Berman, President of Entertainment, FOX Broadcasting Company. No location, production date or airdate has been set.

Flip to channel 11, FOX, on Wednesday's night at 9:00 PM to watch the sexy and addicting show, Temptation Island.

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Pros and Cons of the Opp. Sex.

A few good things about being a girl are you can play with the guys cool toys and not have to go out and buy your own. PPMS, (this is pretend PMS) works wonders at chasing away those annoying guys that never leave you alone. Girls also have better clothes and more of a variety in what they can wear.

The gender gap is a gap that probably will never be filled. Guys don't understand girls, and girls don't understand guys. That's probably how it will always be.

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Music and Movies

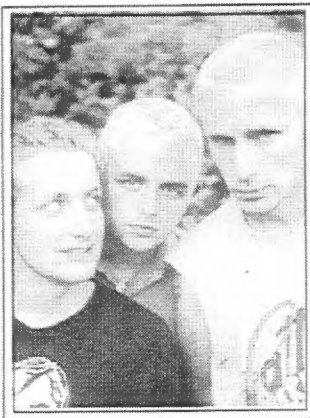
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Green Day, Warning (Reprise)

Music review **Music review**
By: Ivan Lauer **By: Kevin Halloran**
Staff Writer *Staff Writer*

I remember in 1994, everyone loved Green Day. I can admit that even I did. Then in 1996 came *Insomniac*, which turned many people away from those Frisco-poprockers. But not I, I persevered! Then in 1998 came *Nimrod*, which alienated even more of their fans. But once again I held on tight. But with *Warning*, I am finally able to admit that Green Day is a crappy band. Billie Joe might think that ripping off his brother Tim would bring in "da big money" and although it seems to be working...it sure doesn't help their musical standing.

Rating: *



I never liked Green Day and I don't think I ever will. I like some punk but just like Blink182...Green Day isn't punk. If anything, I would call them ska. It's true that back in the days of Kerplunk and Dookie, Green Day was punk, but no longer with this new album. Just because *Warning* isn't punk, I'm not saying it's bad, (it has catchy songs and all) but it lacks substance. Hey...at least they know what makes da money.

Rating: **

Linkin Park-Hybrid Theory- Warner Bros.

Ivan- Keven-

Shut Up, Shut Up, Shut Up, I wanna hear some good music! I'm getting so sick of all these so-called "Nü Metal" bands. Recycling riffs, making up ruined childhoods, it's getting old. The music would be better but I know I've heard it somewhere before. I think it might be brainwashing our youth. In fact, forget I said that, I wanna be trendy too, Linkin Park rules, pump up da Lil Bow Wow!

Rating: ** (that's for Lil Bow Wow)

This band isn't as bad as one might think. After the third or fourth time their cd spun round in my cd player I realized they aren't just some no talent band...they have skills. Sad for them their skills don't lie in music. Their skills lie in making videos. As far as I know the band got together in art school, which would account for their eye-popping special effects. Take my advice- drop the instruments and pick up a paintbrush.

Rating: ** (that's for the video)

Upcoming Movies

By Sam Taylor
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M A R C H

2nd-The Mexican - Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts

9th-The Adventures of Joe Dirt - David Spade, Kid Rock

9th-15 Minutes - Robert DeNiro, Kelsey Grammer

16th-Get Over It - Kirsten Dunst, Sisqo

16th-Soul Survivors - Melissa Sagemiller,

23rd-The Brothers - Bill Bellamy, D. L. Hughley

23th-Enemy at the Gates - Jude Law, Ed Harris

23th-The Fast & The Furious - Vin Diesel, Paul Walker

23th-Summer Catch - Freddie Prinze, Jr., Matthew Lillard

30th-Tomcats - Shannon Elizabeth

A P R I L

6th-Blow - Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz

6th-Josie and the Pussycats - Tara Reid, Carson Daly

13th-Rock Star - Mark Wahlberg, Jennifer Aniston

20th-Freddy Got Fingered - Tom Green, Rip Torn

27th-O - Julia Stiles

27th-Driven - Sylvester Stallone, Burt Reynolds

M A Y

4th-The Heist - Danny DeVito, Delroy Lindo

4th-Texas Rangers - James Van Der Beek, Rachel Leigh Cook

11th-The Mummy Returns - Brendan Fraser, The Rock

28th-Pearl Harbor - Ben Affleck, Cuba Gooding Jr.

Thirteen Days

Movie Review

By Sam Taylor
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I did not particularly care for the "movie" aspect of "Thirteen Days". It was just a bit too long to sit and pay attention to. However,

B r u c e

Greenwood as President

John F.

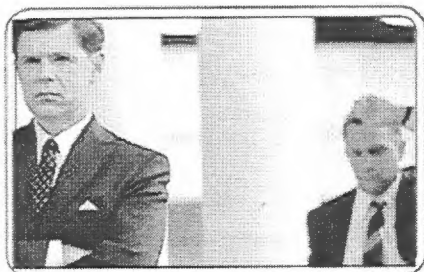
Kennedy

and Steven

Culp as

Attorney

General Robert Kennedy were amazing!! The way they both acted, sounded, even physically looked like the real Kennedys. And



Kevin Costner finally is in a good movie. It's been a long stretch since "Dances With Wolves", but he pulls off a good performance as

Kenneth

O'Donnell,

Assistant

t o

President

Kennedy.

I

recommend this movie for anybody who enjoys history.

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Jones Soda continued from page 4.

Dew. Forces you to smile. Seriously. You have no choice in the matter.

Pineapple Upside Down Soda: Tastes the way perfume smells. Sullies the proud name of Jones by being the only truly yucky flavor.

Pink: Smells like Pez, tastes like a combo of pink cotton candy, a pink balloon, a pink crayon and pink marshmallow bunnies. Liquid Powerpuff Girl.

Root Beer: Tastes like a root beer float with lots of vanilla. An old-time sepi

toned cowboy picture for your tastebuds.

Strawberry Lime Soda: Tastes a little like strawberry and nothing like lime.

Vanilla Cola: Tastes too much like root beer to be anything spectacular. Nice aftertaste though.

Jones Soda is available at Longs Drugs on Cochran and Tapo Canyon, or Albertson's. Same price as a Pepsi, but more fun and with fewer annoying commercials. Drink some today!

To Study or Not to Study?

Finals- Freshman Diary

By Gina Del Santo
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Finals week has come and gone, and school has returned to normal. Many frosh students, as I learned, didn't even study...or didn't care. An example of this is that Freshman SP classes handed out finals organizers and when I asked students if those helped, my most common

reply was, "What finals organizers?" I, on the other hand, had to care. Most students live here in Simi, but I live out in Santa Clarita so if I fail my classes, I'll be sent to Valencia... something I don't really care to do. So, with the help of my step-father, I prepared and studied for my finals.

I expected finals to be this stressful experience that would be tough to get through, but they really weren't as hard as I had thought they'd be. I did pretty well. I maintained all of the same grades I had before finals. As easy as I thought they were, many of my Frosh buddies were

caught by surprise. I don't know many people who got higher than a 60% on any of their finals. So my only "words of wisdom" for students are that if you want to keep the grade you have, or possibly move up STUDY.

Aca Deca Awesome

By Richard Garcia III
Staff Writer

Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon Team of Santa Susana High School whom Participated in the 2000-2001 competition. Our school entered two teams. With the outstanding leadership of their coach Peter Huybers, Team A placed second out of the fifteen high schools in Ventura County, and Team B placed first in the category and eighth overall. The members of the teams studied long and hard at home, in school, after school, and during their

winter break. The topics of study were essay, speech, interview, music, language and literature, math, economics, art, biology, and the Super Quiz. The topic of this year's Super Quiz was philosophy, psychology, and religion. The names of the students that participated in this year's Academic Decathlon are (in no particular order): Nicholas Nguyen, Chirag Shah, Mark Sylvis, Heather Martin, Richard Morr, Matt Kellegrew, Even Geiger,

Stephan Garaffo, Ngoc-Giao Phan, Cassie Frye, Nathan Fitzgerald (President), Alicia Beard (Treasurer), and Morgan

Gould (Secretary Team A) and Jennifer Nguyen (Secretary Team B) who both received the "Team Spirit Award." The team also accumulated thirty-



Aca Deca Team. Thanks to Santa Susana's

seven medals for their team. Peter Huybers said: "We are anxiously waiting to see if we qualify for a wild card at the state level."

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